

AQ a second indicia which is invisible under normal viewing conditions, said second indicia comprising a unique ID associated with the capture device used to capture said image;

a third indicia in said image which is not visible under normal viewing conditions, said third indicia comprising a unique ID associated with the location or printer used to produce said document;

scanning said image so as to obtain said unique capture ID associated with said printer and/or location and/or said printer ID;

comparing said unique ID associated with said capture device and said unique ID associated with said location or printer with a known database for confirming the capture device and printing device that was used for producing said document at said designated location or device.

11.(Once Amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising sending information obtained by scanning of said image to a remote database whereby information relating to said unique ID with respect to said capture device and said ID associated with said location or printer can be viewed and confirmed.

12.(Once Amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein a presenter of said authentication document is viewed by a camera at presentation station so as to obtain an image of said presenter, said image being forwarded to said remote location for comparison with a database to confirm that the individual is associated with that authentication document.

AID 17.(Once Amended) A method of verifying that the presenter of an authentication document is the same individual to which said authentication document was issued, said authentication document having an image of said individual to which said authentication document was issued and an indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions, said first indicia comprising a unique ID associated with an image of the recipient to which said authentication document was issued, said unique ID and said image being digitally stored at a data base;

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presenting said authentication document at a remote location by a presenter;
scanning said image at said remote location so as to obtain said unique ID;
forwarding said unique ID electronically to said data base; and
forwarding said image stored at said data base in response to receipt of said unique ID to said remote location for providing visual verification that the presenter is the same as the individual to which the authentication document was issued.

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19.(Once Amended) A method of verifying that the presenter of an authentication document is the same individual to which said authentication document was issued, said authentication document having image of said individual to which said authentication document was issued and an indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions, said first indicia comprising a unique ID associate with an image of the recipient to which said authentication document was issued, said unique ID and said image being digitally stored at a data base;

presenting said authentication document at a remote location by a presenter;
scanning said image at said remote location so as to obtain said unique ID;
capturing a live image of said presenter at the time of presentation;
forwarding said unique ID and said live image electronically to said data base; and
comparing said stored image associated with said unique ID with said live image for verification that the presenter is the same as the individual to which the authentication document was issued.

20.(Once Amended) The method according to claim 19 wherein said unique ID includes information regarding the capture device, the printing device or location used to obtain said image.